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## PR scientists enjoy annual baseball outing

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*EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif.* — Nothing builds team spirit better than a baseball game. It is even better when you can build that spirit by watching the hometown team.

The Air Force Research Laboratory Propulsion Directorate's scientists, engineers and staff brought their friends and families to Lancaster California's professional baseball stadium, The Hanger, for an evening ballgame. The game featured the hometown team, the Jethawks.

The laboratory's Airman of the Year, Senior Airman Benjamin Carte threw the first pitch of the game.

Col. Michael L. Heil, Director of the Propulsion Directorate, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was on hand to greet new and old friends. He was in California for his initial visit to the Edwards Research Site facilities since becoming the PR Director in June.

The gathering was also a reunion of sorts with lab alumni from across the country, and throughout the Antelope Valley, getting together to enjoy a favorite American sport.

As the game progressed, the stadium's unique scoreboard, supported by images of the space shuttle, served as a reminder of the lab's rocket propulsion technology contributions. @